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LONG ABOUT THANKSGIVING

BY EDGAR WELTON COOLEY

CONTENTED-LIKE, the stubble fields are stretching in the sun. Resting up and thinking of the work that they have done. And each rustling shock of fodder reaches forth a frolicked hand to touch the robe of Plenty as she dances through the land. The corn that fills to gorging point the stiffened and grinning ribs is spilling out their open mouths and dripping through their ribs. And the hay crumpled in the barn jolts seems to raise the very roofs. Long about Thanksgiving in the country!

WE squashes in the cellar give a grunt of honest pride. If you stoop and roll them over or punch them in the side. And the pease from which the sector of a thousand apples drips in an ecstasy of rapture smacks its cider-moistened lips. While the cabbages that dangle from the rafters overhead keep nodding, "How'd-yo, sir?" to the pumpkins, blushing red. And the turnips and potatoes overflow their bulging bins. Long about Thanksgiving in the country!



THE tune the brooks are singing is a melody that's sweetest. A song of mills a-grinding of the endless flow of wheat. And the flour from the bolting a-merry river makes That flows into an ocean of bread and pies and cakes. While the honey that was gathered by a million hives of bees Feeds its rich and subtle fragrance to the halting, hungry breeze. And the glossy turkeys gobble to the chickens' lay cluck. Long about Thanksgiving in the country!

WHERE the Jerseys moo, contented-like, amid the fragrant hay The creamy milk keeps splashing in a cooing kind of way. Till it overflows the buckets and runs in a hundred seas Of golden, glowing butter and luscious, yellow cheese. Oh, 'tis then a fellow chuckles and has peace for all the earth And his pool sings baldfish as he bounces of his girl. And his thankful hen goes dancing to the smacking of his lip. Long about Thanksgiving in the country!



CONDENSED STORIES.

Grant's High Opinion of Sherman's Ability as a Soldier.

A graphic account of how he carried to Grant before Richmond the news of General Sherman's advance through North Carolina on his march to the sea in 1865 is told in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly by Adjutant S. H. M. Byers of the Fifth Iowa infantry. After a perilous trip he finally reached Grant's headquarters at City Point.

"I ripped open my clothing, handed him my dispatches and excitedly watched the pleased changes on his flushed face while he hurriedly read the great news I had brought from Sherman," says Mr. Byers. "General Ord happened in at the moment, and the good news was repeated to him. Ord clanked his spurs together, rubbed his hands and manifested joy. 'I had my fears, I had my fears,' he muttered. 'And I not a bit,' said Grant, springing from his seat by the window. 'I knew Sherman—I knew my man.'"

THE REAL SAHARA.

How the Vast Desert Appears to the Caravan Traveler.

The Sahara is not at all as popular belief pictures it, a vast plain of moving sand, dotted here and there with fertile oases, somewhat like a leopard's skin. From Tunis westward it is a vast depression of sand and clay not much above sea level, in some parts perfectly level, in others hilly, with low depressions containing water saltier than the sea, which generally evaporates, leaving a coating of brilliant crystals which appear like snow in the distance. The rivers from the Atlas mountains on the north serve to irrigate the oases of the Ziban. Sometimes they flow above the surface, but often below it. There is a fascination about the desert that is indescribable and that none can understand unless they have spent several weeks with a caravan. At times the heat is very great, but, being perfectly dry, it does not enervate as our humid atmosphere does at a temperature 40 degrees lower. Near midday the desert appears to be a molten sea of dazzling, vibrating light. Now and then the mirage appears, and the tired eyes of the stranger are refreshed with visions of beautiful lakes near the horizon, even sometimes of trees and moving caravans. Alas! This is a case where seeing is not believing. After many disappointments of this kind the camels suddenly raise their heads and sniff the air through their curiously formed nostrils and move at a quicker pace, instinct telling them that water is near. In the far distance a low black line indicated palm trees, and in a few hours the oasis of Sidi Okba appeared, distinctly relieving the doubts of those who feared it was only a mirage. Our dragoman kicked off his slippers and climbed very nimbly up a fine palm to get some of the luscious fruit growing at the top.—D. F. Elmendorf in Scribner's.

Getting Out of a Scrape.

First Chemist's Assistant — By jingo! I've quite forgotten to make up the prescription for Frau Schmidt. She will be in a fine frenzy, for she has been sitting outside waiting for three-quarters of an hour.

Second Ditto—That's very simple. Charge her three times the usual price, and she will think it was extra difficult to make up.—Berlin Journal.

President Makers.

Every great war in which this country has been engaged has produced a president. The war of the Revolution gave us Washington, that of 1812 Jackson, the Mexican war Taylor, the civil war Grant and the Spanish war Roosevelt.—Denver Republican.

Warred and More of It.

Grumbell—Most women have but one idea, and that's dress. Jenks—Huh! My wife has about a dozen ideas, all on that subject.—Philadelphia Press.

WHEN STAGS FIGHT.

They Always Maneuver to Get Their Opponents Downhill.

"There are certain spots known to and recognized by the deer in most forests called 'boiling pools,'" says an English writer. "They are usually peaty pools, to which the stags resort often at night to wallow and have a good time generally. Here I have occasionally seen them rolling on their backs, though more often black bubbles bursting sluggishly on the surface of the water have told me that I have come just in time to miss their late occupants. I was spying a distant hillside one day last September when some bright object flashing in the sun caught my eye, and, looking through the glass, I saw it was a stag. He was standing shaking himself by the edge of one of these pools, the water flying off him in all directions. It was the sun flashing on this which had attracted my attention. The pools are much used in the fall of the year, beginning approximately on Sept. 20, known in Gaelic as 'the day of the roaring,' though, of course, the exact date varies very much according to the season. I have heard stags roar as early as Sept. 10, though this is rather unusual. It is more of a bellow than a roar and is quite awe inspiring at close quarters, more especially if the roarer is himself hidden.

"The end of the season is always the most exciting time for stalkers. Stags then are all on the move, and great fights take place. I have never had the luck to witness a real pitched battle between two champions, I doubt whether they often fight to the death, but the numbers of stags with broken and damaged horns which are met with after the autumn season is over show that pretty severe contests do occur. Stags always maneuver when fighting to get their opponent down hill. They have tremendous power in their hindquarters and in this position can use it to the best advantage. Deer do not fight only with their horns, as both sexes will rise erect on their hind legs and strike savagely with their forefeet, the sharp edges of the latter making a very nasty wound.

"A rather curious fact with regard to the fights between red deer, illustrating the toughness and elasticity of their skins, was told to me by a Dorsetshire agent. There was a big park full of red deer on the estate, and a large number of stags had been killed owing to fights. On skinning the dead ones he found that, though in many cases the lungs and flesh were pierced through and through, the skins themselves were comparatively uninjured."

THE IDEAL DIET.

Do the real needs of the body demand such quantities of food each day as the ordinary dietary standards call for or as man from his acquired habits has become accustomed to? A slight excess of food beyond the true physiological requirement is no doubt desirable as tending to prevent any danger of under-nutrition, but any great excess must of necessity be detrimental. The ideal diet is that which suffices to meet all the wants of the body—i. e., the maintenance of body weight, nitrogen equilibrium, health, strength, vigor and endurance—and in the period of adolescence to supply material for the growth and development of the tissues of the body. Anything beyond this quantity is just so much of an excess which must inevitably do harm if continued indefinitely and detract in some measure at least from that high degree of efficiency which every enlightened man desires to attain.—Russell H. Chittenden in Century.

Getting at the Facts.

The census taker rapped at the door of the little farmhouse and opened his long book. A plump girl of about eighteen came to the door and blinked at him stupidly.

"How many people live here?" he began.

"Nobody lives here. We are only staying through the hop season."

"How many of you are there here?"

"I'm here. Father's in the wood shed, and Bill is—"

"See here, my girl, I want to know how many inmates there are in this house. How many people slept here last night?"

"Nobody slept here, sir. I had the toothache dreadful, and my little brother had the stomach ache, and the new hand that's helping us got sunburned so on his back that he has blisters the size of eggs, and we all took on so that nobody slept a wink all night long."

Under Age.

People in Birchtown were used to Uncle Randolph Green's way of talking and enjoyed it. But at last there came as a member of the summer colony a man who had a desire to set everything and everybody straight, according to his ideas.

"What is the sense of your referring to that animal of yours as a 'colt?'" demanded this person one day. "How old is he?"

"Well, he's going on eleven years," said Uncle Randolph mildly.

"Eleven years!" sneered the man. "Well, we should call that pretty ancient for a colt—in New York."

"I think likely you would," said Uncle Randolph, without rancor, but with considerable firmness in his soft, old voice, "but perhaps 'twould be well to consider, mister, that this colt o' mine resides in Birchtown, where eleven years is pretty young for a horse."

THE ARMY CANTEN

Its Use Prevents Drunkenness and Desertion

The recommendation made to the Secretary of the Navy by Dr. E. H. Green, medical inspector at the Brooklyn navy-yard, that alcoholism among the sailors of the United States navy would be greatly lessened by permitting the sale of beer and light wines in the commissary store there as well as in other navy-yards, is one among a number of such recommendations made to the surgeon-general of the navy. Surgeon Green is almost positive that the ten cases of acute alcoholism treated by him would probably not have existed had beer and light wines been on sale in the commissary, which corresponds to the canteen of the army.

The fact that the establishment of a beer canteen for the navy is receiving widespread attention among naval officers, along with the unanimous recommendations of the general officers of the army that a big mistake was made in abolishing the sale of this beverage among the soldiers, will result in much official pressure on Congress to disregard the petitions of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance organizations as to the best method of furnishing drink for the army and navy.

From the highest to the lowest officer of the army, among men who have commanded men, fought in wars and studied the habits of soldiers all their lives, the recommendation is that the American soldier can be made a much better man morally if he is allowed to have beer and light wines at the army posts, the same privilege a man has in his own home, instead of having to buy it, as he is certain to do, in the lowest of dives, among the lowest of men and women, on the outskirts of the posts. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union places its judgment against that of the army officers. So do the prohibitionists in all parts of the country. The temperance people declare that the government reservations must remain sacred in the matter of drinks even if the soldier does go outside and get the vilest whiskey and the vilest diseases. The army officers say that if he is allowed beer, with its small amount of alcohol, the smallest of all drinks containing alcohol, he will be contented and will not go outside for the decoctions mixed for him in dirty dives. Congress will have to determine who knows the most about it.

One army officer a few days ago gave as one of the principal reasons of desertion from the army the failure to have beer on sale at army posts; and the report of the surgeon-general of the army shows that out of every 1,000 men in the army at the present time, 29 per cent. are treated for acute alcoholism, while in the German army, where beer is a beverage and is drunk like water, the percentage is 0.9. The United States, therefore, ranks its army drunkenness 150 times greater than in the German army.

Admiral Dewey is among the high officials of the navy who believes in placing before the American sailor the mild drinks and feels that he will be contented with this as a substitute for the ardent ones. That beer and wines are placed on a different footing in the navy from whiskey, as they are everywhere else in world but in the United States, is shown by the fact that these drinks are permitted to officers on board ships while serving at sea.

The same privilege, though, is denied the sailors, who are kept in a general state of dryness on board ships. When they reach shore they fill up on every imaginable drink a bartender passes over the counter and they become the most drunken beasts on the face of the earth. Admiral Dewey is satisfied they would have little inclination to do this if they had gotten what they wanted in the shape of mild drinks while at sea.

Decoy for Squirrels

Squirrels this year are more plentiful than ever known before, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch. One man, Mr. Williams, is known to have killed more than any other two hunters. He has already killed 186. He had three cheap watches. He would get into the woods and go to two hickory trees where the squirrels feed. He would wind the watches up, put them in a small tin can and to each can a string. Then each was tied to the limb of a tree. Then he would get in some secluded spot.

As the watches would tick away the noise was like that of a squirrel cutting a nut and could be heard for a great distance. Every squirrel in the neighborhood would be drawn to the trees, where they supposed their companions were having a big feast. In this way every squirrel has been killed by being decoyed by the two trees by this new device. Mr. Williams says he has seen as many as six at a time running around the limbs where the watches were fastened.

CONDENSED NEWS

Brief Items of Interest for the Busy Reader

The Russian peasants are reported to be pillaging the domains of the clergy, slaughtering cattle and eating the flesh raw.

A hitch is reported in the plan to merge the Medical College of Virginia with the medical school of the State University.

The presence of a fever epidemic at William and Mary College has caused a panic among the students. There has been considerable talk of disbanding the school until after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. T. V. Leach, clerk of the Circuit Court for Warren county, is developing at Dickey's Hill a copper mine, the ore from which expert mineralogists pronounce one of the richest ores in Virginia.

Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, president of the Richmond Board of Health, in his annual report, recommends the immediate establishment of public baths in the city. He says that such baths have proven successful in other towns.

While Germany has 6,500,000 women who earn their own living, Italy, with only one-half the population, has 5,500,000. In Germany the number of servant girls who have a savings bank account is nearly three times as large as hat of shop girls who have them.

Mr. William Lumpkin of near Dunnsville, Essex county, has a remarkable hog, to be slaughtered in a short time, which is only 17 months old, but measures 8 feet 6 inches in length and is as large around the girth as a medium-sized horse, and weighs 900 pounds.

In the future if a civil service employee of the government misconducts himself in the view of the President or of any head of an executive department he is liable to dismissal on the spot, with no further explanation, according to an executive order just issued.

A small comet, which appeared near the pole star last week and has since been moving southward rapidly, has given the astronomers a fresh object to watch, but their reports of its movements from day to day create no popular excitement. It is too faint to be seen without a telescope, and it is said to have no tail.

At the opening session of the North Georgia Conference at Newnan, Ga., last Wednesday, a movement was started looking to the establishment somewhere within the bounds of the Southern Methodist Church of a great female educational institution, similar to Vanderbilt University, the Methodist school for boys at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. J. M. Beutell, an eccentric German, who owns a valuable piece of fruit land near Winchester, Va., and is reputed to be wealthy, has recorded a deed conveying after his death his estate to the Lutheran Orphan Home of the United Synod, Lutheran Church, and to be devoted to the home and foreign mission work of the synod.

Japan is building five immense battleships, having a total displacement of more than 88,000 tons. Two, which have just been contracted for in England, will weigh 19,000 tons each the heaviest and largest fighting ships yet planned. Japan is also having built two great armored cruisers, each of 13,500 tons displacement.

The first class battleship Virginia had a standardized trial over the Rockland course last Wednesday, during which she not only satisfactorily demonstrated that she would make the contract speed of nineteen knots, but developed speed that makes her the fastest battleship in the navy. The Virginia was built in the Newport News, Virginia, shipbuilding yard, and like all the other ships, naval and merchant, constructed at that yard, reflects credit upon Virginia and her designers and artisans.

A letter has been received at the office of Governor Montague from the Governor of Pennsylvania, informing him that the work at Valley Forge has progressed to such an extent that the camps of the troops from the thirteen original States, who participated in the Revolutionary War, have been clearly established and that the States can now proceed, if they so desire, to mark the locations in such way as they may deem fit and proper. The matter will be referred to the General Assembly by the Governor when he submits his annual message.

A Continual Strain

Many men and women are constantly subjected to what they commonly term "a continual strain" because of some financial or family trouble. It wears and distresses them both mentally and physically, affecting their nerves badly and bringing on liver and kidney ailments, with the attendant evils of constipation, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, low vitality and despondency. They cannot, as a rule, get rid of this "continual strain," but they can remedy its health-destroying effects by taking frequent doses of Green's August Flower. It tones up the liver, stimulates the kidneys, induces healthy bodily functions, gives vim and spirit to one's whole being, and eventually dispels the physical or mental distress caused by that "continual strain." Trial size, 35c, regular bottle, 75c. For sale by B. B. Gorrell's drug list.